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METHOD AND APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of December 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows: